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THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

2015 HEINLEIN SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

It's been a busy two months for The Heinlein Society! Since our last Newsletter, we've had the 2015 Heinlein Society Annual Meeting, which, for the second year in a row, ran as a teleconference with online materials. Our 2015 work and our plans for the 2016 year were reviewed, the results of our elections announced. Our Vice President/Secretary Geo Rule, is "very pleased with the turnout and the smoothness with which everything ran." [FOR MORE INFO>>>](#)

THS EXPANDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS WITH GINNY HEINLEIN MEMORIAL



The Heinlein Society is pleased to announce, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, it has accepted the offer from a donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) for a multi-year donation to endow a new annual "Virginia Gerstenfeld Heinlein Scholarship" specifically for women undergraduates majoring in STEM (scientific—physical or biological, technical, engineering, mathematics) subjects. The candidates must attend an accredited college or university in any English-speaking country. The donor also wishes to augment the two scholarships already granted each year by the Society, which are open to any qualified STEM (and SF as literature) major candidate. All three scholarships will be \$1,000 beginning in 2016, and the pre-existing two annual scholarships remain open to both men and women from all countries. [READ MORE >>](#)

ALL OFFICERS REELECTED AT THE MOST RECENT THS MEETING, NEW ARCHIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR

As the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting, our Heinlein Society September meeting was an "Organizational Meeting" where officers were elected. All currently servicing officers were reelected: Keith G. Kato President/Chairman, Geo Rule as Vice President/Secretary, and John Tilden as Treasurer. Also elected was our *new Archives Committee chair*, and new to the Heinlein Society volunteer, CDR. Thomas Cool, USN-Ret. **Welcome Tom!**

DRAGON CON BLOOD-DRIVE TRIUMPH

Dragon Con checked in with an incredible 2678 blood donations of various types in a five day drive using two hotels in Atlanta. An impressive 81 donations were apheresis (collecting only platelets) which is a *two hour commitment by the donor*. Apheresis is normally done only in blood centers, very unusual in a remote blood drive. The Heinlein Society thanks all who gave their blood and their time during the con — **it would have made Robert Heinlein, and it makes all of us at the Heinlein Society very proud to see these numbers!**


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3000+ Books Sent

The Heinlein For Heroes program has passed 3000 books sent to troops, veterans, and military families.

Contributions keep coming in, and your help is still needed.

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information on how you can help.

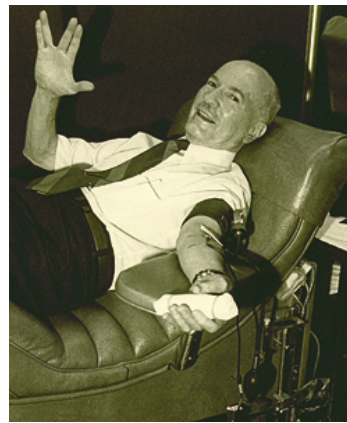


Blood Drives

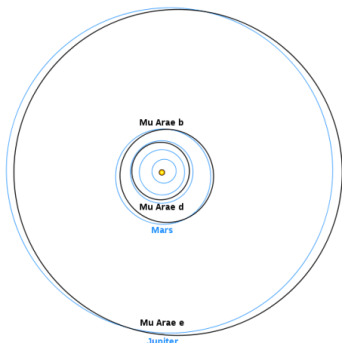
Keep up with Blood Drives news at heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/

HAVE YOU VOTED FOR THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY EXOWORLD NOMINATION? GO DO IT AGAIN!

You may have voted for our Exoworld naming nomination from your computer, but did you do it from another your phone? **You may vote for our submission once from every device you have.** Then you can vote for a selection in the other 19 systems. In support of Heinlein there is another system, Upsilon Andromedae with the following names; Verne, Heinlein, Asimov & Clarke for your consideration. And, if you haven't actually yet voted? **Well, here's what you need to know:**



Our newsletter co-editor and his cannon, with which he plans to fight city hall.



The [NameExoWorlds contest](#), organized by the IAU and Zooniverse, recently accepted naming proposals from registered clubs and non-profit organizations. The Heinlein Society selected the *Mu Arae* system to name. We proposed naming the *Mu Arae* star *RobertHeinlein* in honor of the writer Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988). We chose this system, which is about 50 light years away, to mirror the length of Heinlein's writing career. *Podkayne* is the lead female character in the book *Podkayne of Mars* and was chosen for *Mu Arae b* because this planet has a Mars-like orbit. Robert Heinlein was known for his personal love of cats as well as his fictional use

of cats. *Mu Arae c* is named for the cat *Pixel* made famous in the novel *The Cat Who Walks Through Walls*. Its close orbit to the star is reminiscent of a cat trying to find a warm lap to sit on. Pixel has an inexplicable tendency to be wherever the narrator in the novel happens to be, like Schrödinger's cat.... [MORE PLANETS & DETAILS HERE >>>](#)

WORLDCON / SASQUAN NEWS & REPORT BY KEITH KATO

Representatives of The Heinlein Society attended Sasquan, the 73rd World Science Fiction Convention, held on Wednesday August 19 through Sunday August 23, 2015 at the Spokane Convention Center and affiliated hotels in Spokane, Washington. Society President Dr. Keith Kato, immediate past President Mike Sheffield, and Mike's wife the Reverend Sharon Sheffield attended and coordinated the many Society-related tasks. The scheduled Heinlein Blood Drive actually collected 48 units; that total might have been greater, but the bloodmobile simply lacked the space to handle more donors. Wednesday's results were so startlingly good, a second day of Blood Drive was arranged for Friday, which yielded 30 more units, for a grand total of 78 units. Saturday noon, the movie "Predestination" (based on the Heinlein short story "All You Zombies") was shown at Sasquan's Tri-Cities International Film Festival. Keith spent a few minutes introducing the film, noting stuff to look for without revealing spoilers. The room to show "Predestination" held 120 seats, and it was completely full! [GET ALL THE DETAILS HERE >>>](#)



NOTES FROM THE TWITTERVERSE

The Heinlein Society is also pleased to announce we have a wonderful new tweeter as part of our team! Marie Guthrie wrote her Master's thesis in English Literature on Robert A. Heinlein, so ask her your RAH questions! If you're on Twitter, stop by and say hi, and [follow us!](#)

In case you missed the BIG NEWS! Liquid water on MARS! <https://t.co/182RLt6Rno>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [September 28, 2015](#)

Can you guess what RAH character Cory D is partially quoting here?
<https://t.co/DrtzcQnCZS>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [September 19, 2015](#)

Kim Stanley Robinson talks about alien contact, & name-checks RAH.
<http://t.co/38CdifuBDJ>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [September 25, 2015](#)

"Once upon a time there was a Martian named Valentine Michael Smith." What are your favorite opening lines by RAH?

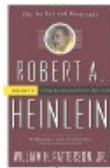
— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [September 1, 2015](#)

A final note from Keith Kato:

You all remember Willem's crest in *Double Star*, "I Maintain." It seems to me the Board must grapple with an assortment of programs on our plate, and the means to pay for them. The Society has limited financial resources, so the Board must navigate how to expand outreach,

membership, financial support, and our volunteer corps within those resources. As of now, THS's programs include: Heinlein Blood Drives (over 18,000 units collected to date); free Educational CD resources to middle- and high-school teachers and librarians; two small undergraduate scholarships in STEM subjects; the Bill Patterson cash prize for best Heinlein-related academic paper; financial support for the Heinlein Award medallions given each year by Balticon; continued publication (once Bill Patterson's estate is settled) of The Heinlein Journal; and "Heinlein For Heroes" to send Golden Age SF books to hospitals and deployed troops in theater. Just recently a new program appeared: Collecting funds for a Heinlein bust and plaque. Missouri's House of Representatives selected native son Robert Heinlein to join the Hall of Famous Missourians. By state law, state funds for the bust and plaque for the Induction Ceremony cannot be used; private funds only. THS's Board has decided to accept the role of financial point of contact, and while THS is not obligated to export funds until a financial threshold is reached, that threshold looks to be north of \$25,000. This amount is at least 4-5 times greater than any single dedicated fund-raising activity THS has assumed.

So you can see, we need YOUR help. Begin and keep renewing a THS membership. Donate funds beyond a simple membership if you can — as a 501(c)(3) organization, 100% of membership and donations to THS are tax-deductible. Consider us in your estate planning. Talk us up to your friends. Link to us on your blogs or websites. Volunteer for our committees. If you have some skill in writing grant proposals, [contact us](#). Please join us in our efforts to "Pay It Forward" as Robert A. Heinlein's writings and legacy. [JOIN US!](#)



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